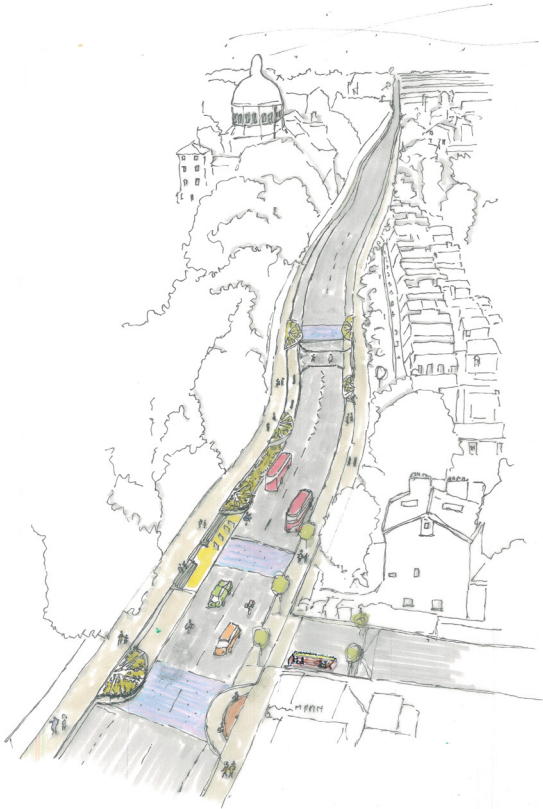




St Joseph's Primary School

Environmental Improvements



Consultation now open

Have your say between Monday 14 November
and Sunday 11 December 2022



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Dear resident/business,

As part of our commitment to make our streets cleaner, greener, and healthier, we would like to deliver environmental improvements at St Joseph's Primary School on Highgate Hill and Dartmouth Park Hill.

We want to hear from local people, businesses, and the school community about our proposals to improve the space around St Joseph's Primary School.

So far, we have introduced 35 School Streets, covering 36 primary schools across Islington. However, there are a number of primary schools located on main roads where it has not been possible to introduce traffic restricted School Street interventions. At these schools, we are proposing to implement environmental improvements outside the school such as greening, and pavement widening, where possible.

Current St Joseph's Primary School



St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School has been selected as a priority school for investment from the council in the second year of the programme.

Engagement so far

We are actively engaging with local people to identify any current issues and share ideas on potential improvements. In September, we engaged with parents, residents, local businesses, and school pupils. We ran an online survey where we asked people about any issues with the current street environment outside the school, and what sort of measures would improve it.

We also ran an in-person drop-in session for parents and residents, and a workshop with selected school pupils.

We have collated the feedback from the online survey and workshops.

You told us these **issues** were a priority:



Difficulty crossing roads in the area



High traffic levels



Unpleasant street environment

You told us you would like to see these **improvements**:



More planting and greenery



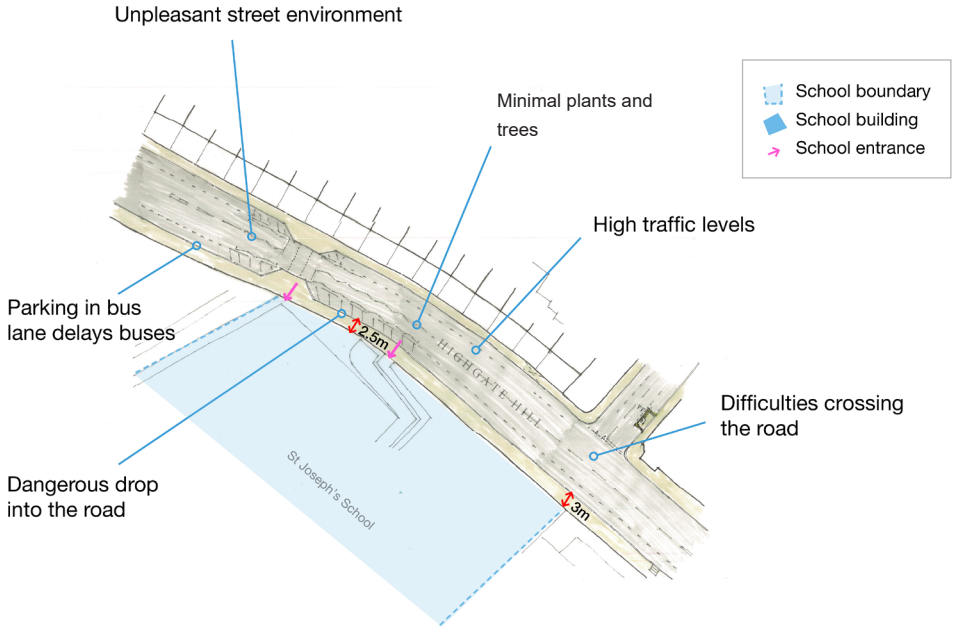
Different road surfacing



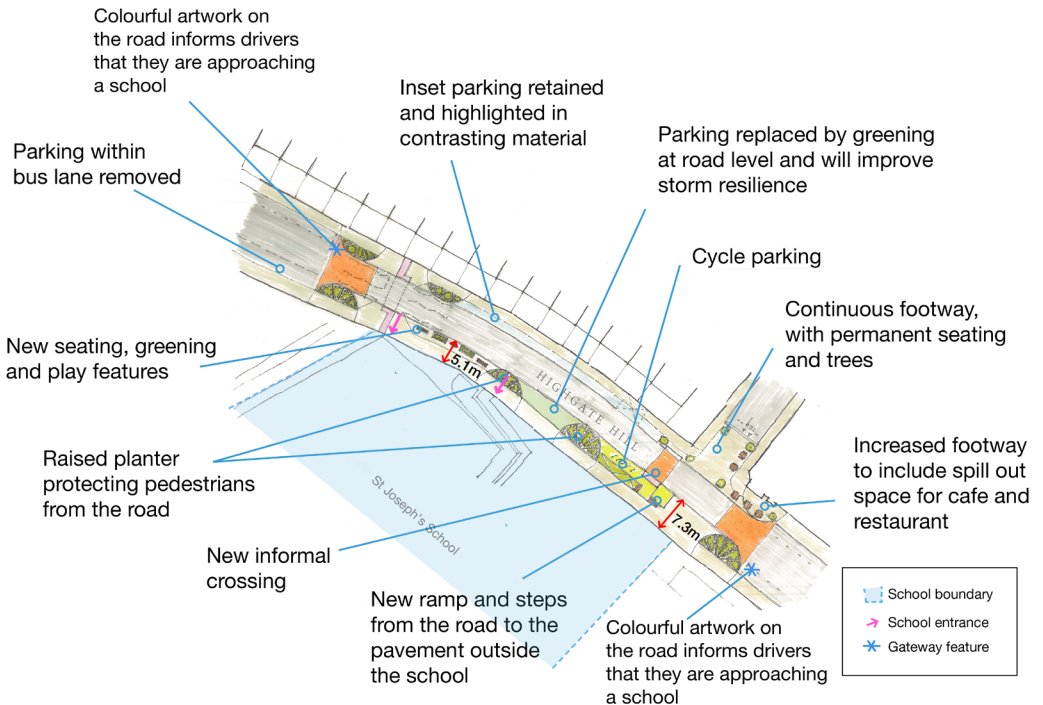
More crossing points and improve existing crossings



Highgate Hill: Existing



Highgate Hill: Proposed



Proposed changes to Highgate Hill

To improve the environment on Highgate Hill we are proposing to:

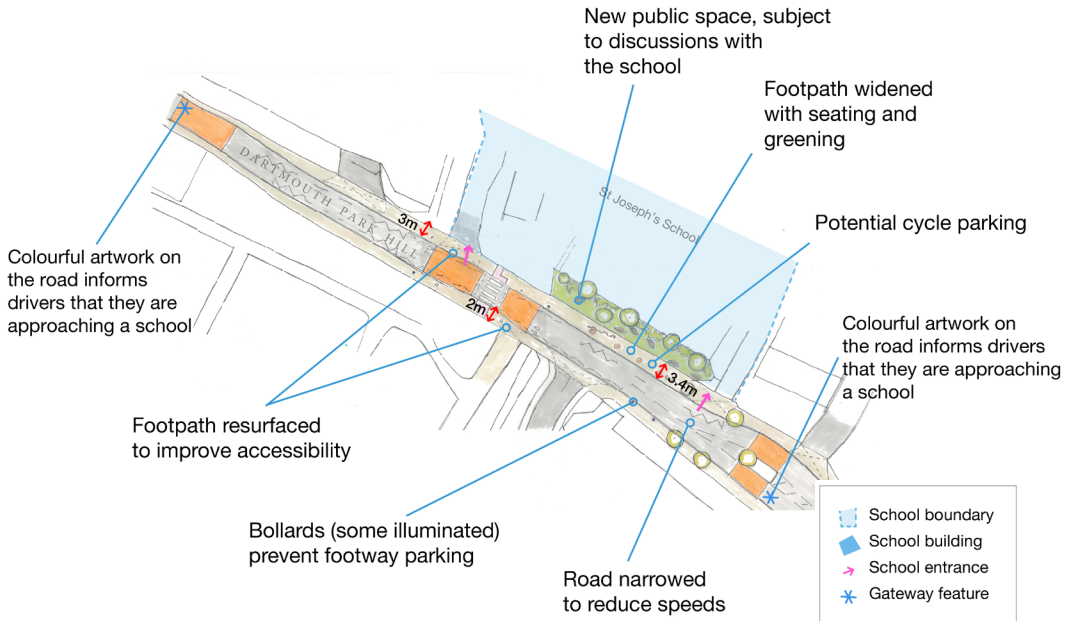
- **Widen the footpath** outside the school, moving traffic and its emissions further from the school gate and improving air quality.
- Introduce **new greening** including planters and low-level planting beds to create a more pleasant environment. This will also provide a separation between the road and the pavement.
- Install a **new ramp and steps** from the road to the pavement outside the school. This will make it easier for pedestrians to enter the school and create an accessible route.
- Implement a new **informal crossing** of Highgate Hill. This doesn't give pedestrians priority over traffic, like a zebra crossing, but instead is a colourful section of road, or different surfacing that indicates to drivers that pedestrians are likely to be crossing.
- Introduce **colourful artwork** on the road outside the school to make drivers aware of the school and encourage them to slow their speed.
- Install custom **seating**, in the form of benches and seats, outside the school and on the corner of Waterlow Road. These will provide a place for parents and families to sit and rest.
- Introduce a new **continuous footway** across Waterlow Road. This is an uninterrupted footway across a side road or vehicle entrance that gives pedestrians priority over vehicles.
- To deliver these environmental improvements we will be required to remove sixteen parking spaces outside the school. This will allow us to introduce wider pavements, new planting and will also ensure traffic flow in the bus lane is not impacted.



Dartmouth Park Hill: Existing



Dartmouth Park Hill: Proposed



Proposed changes to Dartmouth Park Hill

To improve the environment on Dartmouth Park Hill we are proposing to:

- Introduce **colourful artwork on the road outside** the school to make drivers aware of the school and encourage them to slow their speed.
- **Widen the footpath** outside the school, moving traffic and its emissions further from the school gate and improving air quality. Narrowing the road will also encourage traffic to slow down.
- Create a new **landscaped public space** next to the school. Within this, we are proposing to install **custom seating** in the form of benches next to the **proposed planters**. These will provide a place for parents and families to sit and rest. This is subject to future discussions with the school.
- Introduce **continuous footways** across vehicle entrances and exits near the school. These are uninterrupted footways that give pedestrians priority over vehicles.
- Install **new bollards** to prevent people from parking illegally. Some bollards will contain **lighting** which will improve visibility for pedestrians and create a safer area.

Examples of proposed environmental improvements:



Tell us what you think

We want to know what you think of the proposed environmental improvement plans. Scan the QR code below with your phone to access the consultation questionnaire, or visit:

sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/st-josephs-consultation-survey

Submit your response before 11.59pm on Sunday 11 December 2022 when the consultation period ends. If you would like a hard copy (paper copy) of the questionnaire, please:



- write to: Public Realm, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.
- visit Islington Town Hall reception (N1 2UD) to fill in a paper copy.
- visit the school reception.

Come and talk to us

If you would like to come and talk to us about the project in person and view the design ideas in more detail, we will be hosting a 'drop-in' session at St Joseph's Primary School on **Friday 18 November 2.30PM–5.00PM.**

Thank you for taking part and we look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Champion'.

Councillor Rowena Champion

Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport

To find out more about our School Streets programme please visit www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreets where you will also find answers to frequently asked questions. If you have further questions, drop us a line at SchoolStreetsConsultation@Islington.gov.uk

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